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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, SHUM, CI (ROBERTSON, DAVID OR NICOLAS)  
SUBJ: W/W : UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF DETENTION OF U.S. CITIZEN  
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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, DAVID ROBERTSON, IS BEING DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGES AT COLONIA DIGNIDAD, PARRAL, IN CHILE. THUS FAR WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM HIS DETENTION OR PRESENCE IN CHILE.

2. ON JUNE 13, A CHILEAN WHO WOULD NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF VISITED THE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS IN CHILE TO REPORT THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES AT COLONIA DIGNIDAD AND THAT AN AMERICAN BY THE NAME OF DAVID ROBERTSON HAS BEEN UNDER DETENTION THERE, WITHOUT CHARGES, FOR ELEVEN DAYS AND HAS NOT BEEN MIS-TREATED. HE IDENTIFIED ROBERTSON AS 20 TO 30 YEARS OF AGE, ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, BLONDE, GREY EYES, BORN IN OR FROM CALIFORNIA, AND A FORMER ECONOMICS STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. HE ADDED THAT ROBERTSON HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED CHILE ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO AS AN EX-CHANGE VISITOR. THE CHILEAN BELIEVES THAT THE MAIDEN NAME OF ROBERTSON'S MOTHER IS O'SHEA. HE CLAIMS THAT

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ROBERTSON IS A MEMBER OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.  
THE INFORMANT REQUESTED MONEY FROM THE P/C DIRECTOR

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TO CONTINUE HIS TRAVELS TO THE NORTH OF CHILE. THE RELIABILITY OF THE INFORMANT'S INFORMATION IS UNKNOWN.

4. COLONIA DIGNIDAD IS A CLOSED GERMAN COMMUNITY AND THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS UNPROVEN REPORTS THAT IT HAS BEEN USED AS A SECURITY DETENTION FACILITY. GERMAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL HERE HAVE VISITED THE COLONIA ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS AND ARE SATISFIED THAT REPORTS OF ITS USE AS A DETENTION CENTER ARE FALSE.

5. WHILE UNKNOWN IF IT IS THE SAME PERSON, WE ARE HOLDING TWO PIECES OF PERSONAL MAIL ADDRESSED TO NICK (NICOLAS) ROBERTSON IN CARE OF THIS EMBASSY. A TELEGRAM IS DATED APRIL 14 FROM OJAI, CALIFORNIA, SIGNED "MOM" AND A LETTER RECEIVED APRIL 10 WITH THE RETURN ADDRESS: DREW ROBERTSON, [REDACTED] WHILE NOT ALARMING THE FAMILY, IT MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL IN KNOWING WHETHER "DAVID ROBERTSON" IS ACTUALLY "NICK OR NICOLAS ROBERTSON" AND WHETHER THE FAMILY HAS RECEIVED WORD FROM NICK ROBERTSON CONCERNING HIS MOST CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND, IF STILL ABROAD, HIS TRAVEL PLANS WITH DATES. THE DEPARTMENT MAY MERELY MENTION TO THE FAMILY ROBERTSON'S UNDELIVERED CORRESPONDENCE AND REQUEST HIS FORWARDING ADDRESS TO DELIVER HIS MAIL. IF NICK ROBERTSON'S PERSONAL DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND CORRESPOND WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE HIS FULL NAME, MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, DPOB, AND PASSPORT DATA. -- B-6

6. THE CHILEAN REPORTING ROBERTSON'S DETENTION STATES [REDACTED]  
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THAT HE, ROBERTSON, ENTERED CHILE BY LAND FROM SOUTHERN ARGENTINA. WE HAVE CHECKED GOC IMMIGRATION FILES OF FIVE SOUTHERN PORTS OF ENTRY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS CONCERNING ROBERTSON'S ENTRY FROM ARGENTINA. THE CHILEAN POLICE (CARABINEROS) IN PARRAL DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ROBERTSON'S WHEREABOUTS AND THEY CHECKED ALL THE HOTELS IN PARRAL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A TELEGRAM HAS BEEN SENT TO AMEMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, FOR ANY RECORD OF DAVID OR NICK ROBERTSON IN THEIR CONSULAR FILES.

7. BEFORE INITIATING A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE GOC FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF ROBERTSON'S WHEREABOUTS BASED ON AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY, WE WOULD APPRE-

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CIATE KNOWING IF DAVID AND NICK OR NICOLAS ROBERTSON ARE  
THE SAME PERSON AND, IF SO, IS HIS WHEREABOUTS KNOWN OR  
UNKNOWN BY HIS FAMILY. PPT MAY ALSO POSSIBLY ASSIST IN  
IDENTIFYING ROBERTSON.

8. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.  
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